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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: CONTINUED LOW LEVEL VIOLENCE

1. EARLY MORNING JUNE 22 BOMB EXPLOSION DESTROYED CAR BELONGING TO ESEA SEC GEN PHOTIS PAPAPHOTIS, HIGHLIGHTING CONTINUING LOW LEVEL INTRA- GREEK CYPRIOT VIOLENCE. PAPAPHOTIS IS MOST PROMINENT GRIVAS SUPPORTER ATTACKED THUS FAR. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OTHER INCIDENTS RECENTLY, MOST OF THEM DIRECTED AGAINST GRIVASITES, BUT MAKARIOS SUPPORTERS ALSO ATTACKED.

2. ON JUNE 20, PRO- MAKARIOS PRESIDENT OF KATO DHERINIA (FAMAGUSTA) VILLAGE CHURCH COMMITTEE WAS ASSAULTED, PRESUMABLY BY GRIVAS BACKERS. POLICE ALSO ATTRIBUTE UNSUCCESSFUL JUNE 19 ATTACK ON KHRYSOCHOUS (POLIS) POLICE
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STATION TO GRIVAS FOLLOWERS. POLICE FIRED ON RAIDERS, AND THREW HANDGRENADE, BEFORE GROUP WITHDREW WITHOUT RETURNING FIRE. (LATTER TWO INCIDENTS SEEM UNCONNECTED AND PROBABLY RESULT FROM LOCAL INITIATIVE.)

3. ASIDE FROM PAPAPHOTIS INCIDENT, FOUR OTHER VEHICLES BELONGING TO ENOTISTS WERE DEMOLISHED BY EXPLOSIONS DURING PAST WEEK. ADDITIONALLY, ASGATA (LIMASSOL) VILLAGE HEAD-QUARTERS OF RIGHT WING SEK TRADE FEDERATION DAMAGED BY BOMB JUNE 17.

4. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ATTACKS AGAINST GRIVAS FOLLOWERS REPRESENT PREMEDITATED CAMPAIGN, DIRECTED PERHAPS BY MILITANT LEFTISH VASSOS LYSSARIDES, TO PROVOKE GRIVAS. ON BALANCE, WE TEND TO DOUBT LYSSARIDES WOULD TAKE ACTION SO CONTRARY TO ARCHBISHOP' S INTEREST, AND BELIEVE INDIVIDUAL HIGHLY MOTIVATED ANTI- GRIVAS THUGS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIBLE. GRIVAS HAS THUS FAR BEEN REMARKABLY RESTRAINED, BUT MAY FEEL COMPELLED TO REPLY TO ATTACK ON PAPAPHOTIS WITH COUNTER- VIOLENCE.
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